Clarification on Social Studies TEKS for State-mandated Assessments

The revised Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for social studies were adopted in 2010. The State Board of Education (SBOE) set the date for implementation in school districts as August 2011. As a result of this adoption and implementation schedule, beginning in spring 2012 statewide social studies assessments will be aligned to the 2010 revised social studies TEKS.

Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)

The spring 2012 TAKS social studies tests for grade 10 and exit level will assess eligible content from the 2010 revised social studies TEKS. This eligible content is contained in both the previous and the revised versions of the TEKS. TAKS test items addressing skills or concepts from the 1997 social studies TEKS that are **not** included in the 2010 revised social studies TEKS have been deleted from the TAKS social studies item banks. No new social studies content will be added to the TEKS that are eligible for assessment for the remaining administrations of TAKS grade 10 and exit level. There will be no change in the TAKS blueprints or passing standards.

<u>State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Grade 8 and End-of-Course</u> (EOC) Assessments

The spring 2012 STAAR social studies grade 8 and EOC assessments will assess eligible content from the 2010 revised social studies TEKS. This content is contained in both the previous and the revised versions of the TEKS. The spring 2012 STAAR social studies assessments may also have field-test items that assess new social studies content that was added to the 2010 TEKS. These field-test items will potentially be included on STAAR assessments beginning in spring 2013.

STAAR Resources

The STAAR social studies assessed curricula and blueprints reflect the revised social studies TEKS that are eligible for assessments. You will find these resources at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/.